

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 131486
ORIGIN EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 DODE-00 CIAE-00 PM-04 INR-07 L-03
ACDA-07 NSAE-00 PA-01 SS-15 PRS-01 SP-02 USIA-06
TRSE-00 /059 R

DRAFTED BY OSD/ISA:MR. TIMBERLAKE:MEM
APPROVED BY EUR/RPM:WTSHINN
OSD:RKOMER
J-5:CAPT. JAMES
OSD/ISA:MGLITMAN
EUR/NE:SWORREL
EUR/RPM:JFROEBE/WROBINSON
-----080250Z 107551 /64

P R 080030Z JUN 77
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO USMISSION NATO PRIORITY
INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON
USDELMC
USNMR SHAPE
USDOCOSOUTH
USLOSACLANT
USCINCEUR
CINCLANT

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 131486

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MPOL, NATO, UK

SUBJECT: UK DEFENSE CUTS

REFS: A. LONDON 08894 DTG 271733Z MAY 77; B. USDELMC 213/77
DTG 051429Z APR 77 (NOTAL)

1. ACCORDING TO REFTEL A, UK HOPED TO HAVE DETAILS OF ITS
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 131486

230 MILLION POUND REDUCTION FOR FY 1978/79 IN HANDS OF UK
PERMREP BY 1 JUNE. REFTEL REPORTS MOD VIEW THAT UK HAS
DONE AS MUCH AS CAN BE EXPECTED TO KEEP THESE LATEST CUTS
AS COMPATIBLE AS POSSIBLE WITH OUR RECENT SHORT-TERM/LONG
TERM INITIATIVES.

2. WE NOTE FROM REFTEL B THAT MILITARY COMMITTEE INTENDS

TO MAKE CUMULATIVE ASSESSMENT OF ALL UK CUTS SINCE 1974/75
DEFENSE REVIEW AFTER UK PROVIDES DETAILS OF ITS CUTS FOR
FY 1978/79. WHILE WE WOULD FIND SUCH A CUMULATIVE ASSES-
MENT USEFUL, WE BELIEVE THAT IN THE SHORT TIME AVAILABLE
FOR NATO CONSULTATION, THAT IS, TIME BETWEEN WHEN UK INFORMS
NATO OF ITS PROVISIONAL CONCLUSIONS AND FIRST WEEK IN
SEPTEMBER WHEN UK DESIRES NATO'S VIEW, IT WOULD BE MORE
CONSTRUCTIVE FOR NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES TO ASSESS THE
PROPOSED FY 1978/79 CUTS AND GIVE THEIR VIEWS OF HOW UK
MIGHT TAKE FORTHCOMING CUTS IN WAY TO MINIMIZE IMPACT ON

NATO'S MILITARY CAPABILITIES. THIS COULD ENTAIL
IDENTIFYING PRIORITIES AND SUGGESTING ALTERNATIVES AND
TRADEOFFS. CUMULATIVE ASSESSMENT, IF DESIRED BY MC,
COULD BE CARRIED OUT, BUT SHOULD NOT DELAY MC ACTION ON
78/79 CUTS NOR DETRACT FROM THE MAJOR EFFORT REQUIRED BY
THE LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM OVER THE COMING MONTHS.

3. REQUEST MISSION DISCUSS AND CONCERT WITH USDELMC IN
LIGHT OF ABOVE COMMENTS.

VANCE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: FUND ALLOTMENT, ARMED FORCES, GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 08-Jun-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977STATE131486
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: MR. TIMBERLAKE:MEM
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770203-0553
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770678/aaaacpzg.tel
Line Count: 84
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 9f7ca182-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 LONDON 8894
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 12-Oct-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2227541
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: UK DEFENSE CUTS
TAGS: MPOL, UK, NATO
To: NATO BRUSSELS
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/9f7ca182-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009